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Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board

Yuma Regional Partnership Council Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Welcome/Introductions/Call to Order

The regular meeting of the First Things First – Yuma Regional Partnership Council was held on January 16, 2014, 4:30 p.m. at the Senior Citizen Center, 790 E. Juan Sanchez Blvd., San Luis, Arizona 85349.

Chair Hawkins called the meeting to order at 4:40 p.m.

Members Present:

Chair Darren Hawkins
Vice Chair Irene Garza
Member Judy Watkinson (excused from the meeting at approximately 6:25 p.m. however quorum was maintained)
Member Kim Fanning
Member Mary Beth Turner
Member Rebecca Ramirez
Member Gloria Cisneros

Members Present Via Conference Call:

Member Laurie Gail Senko (disconnected from the meeting at approximately 5:30 p.m. however quorum was maintained)
Member Dr. Mario Ybarra

Members Absent:

Member Pilar Moreno
Member Ricardo Perez

Conflict of Interest

Chair Hawkins provided the Regional Council with an opportunity to declare any conflict of interest regarding items on the agenda. There were no conflicts declared at this time.

Consent Agenda

The items on the consent agenda included the minutes of the November 21, 2013, Yuma Regional Partnership Council regular meeting. A motion was made by Member Ramirez to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Member Watkinson, and the motion carried by a unanimous vote by all members present.

Discussion on School Readiness Benchmarks

First Things First Evaluation Consultant, Amy Kemp, engaged the Regional Council on a discussion regarding the School Readiness Benchmarks. Indicator #10: Percentage of families who report they are competent and confident about their ability to support their child's safety, health and well-being and the process used to collect the data for this indicator was the main focus of the discussion.

A motion was made by Member Watkinson to approve the preliminary Benchmark for Indicator #10 for the year 2020 at 58% with the stipulation that it be available for comments/input by stakeholders and public before final adoption. The motion was seconded by Member Turner and the motion carried by a unanimous vote by all members present.

Discussion on Quarter 1 Data Report and FY2014 Financial Expenditures Report

Regional Director, Rudy J. Ortiz, provided a brief update on the financial expenditures for FY2014. The report included highlights/revisions for strategies/programs by First Things First.

Presentation by Eight, Arizona PBS – Educational Outreach

Mark Becker, Eight, Arizona PBS – Educational Outreach Associate Director, shared a power point presentation on Community Based Professional Development. The presentation included: program basics, community partners, evaluation, and strengths as well as areas of improvement. Mr. Becker stated the workshops are well attended by the community.

Regional Director's Report

Items included in the report are but not limited to: System Building, FY2016-FY2018 Funding Plan Process, 1:1 meetings with Regional Council Members, Quarterly Reports and Resource Guide.

Community Outreach Update

Community Outreach Coordinator, Nena Garcia shared a brief update on outreach efforts and extended an invitation to Regional Council Members who would like to take an active part or collaborate in her outreach efforts to the community.

Call to the Public

Linda Lopez, Director of Children and Family Services for Easter Seals Blake Foundation, shared a brief update on Parents as Teachers Program, Group Connections and Early Childhood Education Inclusion Program.

Sharon Brady, Director of Reach Out and Read Arizona provided an update on the success of the program in the region.

Announcements

The next Community Based Professional Development Workshop by Eight, Arizona PBS – Educational Outreach is scheduled on February 8, 2014, Arizona Western College - Main Campus, 2020 S. Avenue 8E Yuma, AZ 85365.

Next Meeting

Location to Be Determined

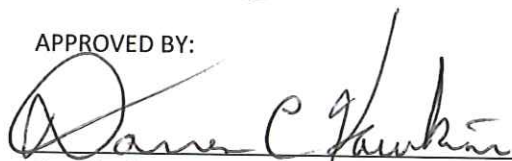
Adjourn

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:


Marie Megui, Administrative Assistant III

APPROVED BY:



Rev. Dr. Darren C. Hawkins, Yuma Regional Partnership Council Chair

February 20th, 2014